

WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

State Aid for Waterbury, Naugatuck & Prospect

State funding formulas directly affect your local property tax rate. Without this revenue source, local property taxes would skyrocket. That’s why I worked to maintain level state funding. This table shows the state grants and reimbursements for our district in Fiscal Year 2010–2011.

	Fiscal Year 10-11
Total Education Grants	\$153,509,873
Town Aid Road Fund Grant	\$875,004
Mashantucket Pequot & Mohegan Fund Grant	\$3,229,089
Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP)	\$1,465,196
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$10,981,197
Total State Funds to the 15th Senate District	\$170,060,358



Speaking at the Fort Hill Memorial ceremony.

It was a real honor to join the Taylor family at the Greater Waterbury Walk Now for Autism. Chase Taylor said he felt “royal” having so many people walking on his behalf.



A moment with Greater Waterbury members of the Faithworks Institute at the Capitol. The five-day intensive program trains leaders of nonprofit agencies to better serve their clients and help ‘transform our urban centers into strong, economically vibrant communities.’



Welcoming members of Waterbury’s Children’s Community School Chorus to the State Capitol. The students sang three songs for the Senate, including their 2010 theme song “Together We Can Change the World.”

Dear Friends:

With the recent adjournment of the 2010 legislative session I write to report to you on the work of the General Assembly.

In view of the continuation and severity of this recession the primary objective was to address the state’s deteriorating fiscal condition, which ultimately affects every family and taxpayer. With Connecticut’s, and particularly Greater Waterbury’s, escalating unemployment my main focus continued to be on forcing government to “live within its means” by opposing new spending and taxes, prioritizing vital services, providing immediate regulatory relief to help grow Connecticut jobs and to pass landmark jobs legislation.

As forecasted, the budget for this fiscal year (ending June 30th) presented a \$370 million deficit which was addressed after extensive deliberations through a bipartisan proposal which cut spending and contained no tax increases. However, in my opinion, significant changes necessary to begin to *immediately* address the impending budget crisis (estimated to be \$726 million for 2010, and \$2 billion for 2013 and 2014) were not initiated and consequently prevented my support for this budget bill.

Difficult times—difficult decisions made with the best interests of the families and taxpayers of the 15th District in mind.

As always, I welcome the input and advocacy of the dedicated and hardworking families of Prospect, Naugatuck and Waterbury. I am humbled to work with you and represent you in Hartford.

Sincerely,

Joan V Hartley
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State Senator

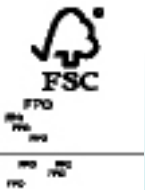


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GROWING JOBS

Landmark Jobs Bill

There was no greater priority this legislative session than helping Connecticut grow high-quality jobs. The landmark bipartisan jobs bill which resulted has been recognized as the most significant jobs initiative that the General Assembly has ever produced. Its provisions include:

- ▶ Loans and lines of credit for small businesses to help fund expansions, additional hires or new equipment
- ▶ Sales-tax exemptions for machinery, supplies and fuel used in renewable energy industries
- ▶ Loan reimbursements and training grants for education and careers in green technology, life sciences and health information technology
- ▶ Tax credits for angel investments in bioscience, photonics, information technology and green technology businesses



Reducing Red Tape for Businesses



A major initiative as Senate chair of the Regulations Review Committee was to co-author legislation which streamlines the state's environmental and regulatory permitting process. In business, time is money—now Connecticut businesses will save both. Also recognizing that environmental safeguards cannot be overlooked, we worked to ensure that faster permitting would not jeopardize our air or water standards.

Home Care Co-Pay Relief for Seniors



Seniors who can stay at home and out of nursing homes live longer and have more active lives. The Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders keeps elderly citizens in their homes at a tremendous cost savings. Due to the state's financial crisis, new increased co-pays were implemented.

I believe this program which helps families is an important priority which saves the state significant dollars in the long run. That's why I supported a 9 percent co-pay reduction in the Home Care program.

NEW LAWS

Protecting the State's Credit in Tough Times

In order to protect the state's credit, the legislature de-authorized (or reduced) \$422 million in previously approved bonding projects. This clearly reduces the state's potential bonding liability and makes a significant step in reducing our bonding indebtedness, thus preserving our credit and starting to control future debt.

Increasing Transparency in State Appropriations

As we continue to weather this fiscal crisis, citizens are more interested than ever in understanding how their tax dollars are being spent. An involved citizenry is vital. Now, as a result of new legislation (Public Act 10-155), you'll soon be able to go online and access a searchable database of state expenditures.



Ensuring Cancer Patients Get the Care They Need

Cancer patients can now take oral doses of chemotherapy to help them fight the disease, but these new medicines are very expensive, and some insurance companies



have been unwilling to fully cover the costs. Most insurance policies fully cover intravenous chemotherapy. Connecticut now has a new law which requires parity for chemotherapy.

SUPPORTING THE YOUTH OF THE 15TH SENATE DISTRICT



It was a thrill to participate in the Kaynor Vocational-Technical School ribbon cutting for their renovation and rebuilding project. But clearly, the greatest thrill was to visit with the students and faculty—they are without a doubt a spirited, energetic and compelling group.



At the Anderson Boy's Club Youth of the Year dinner honoring Kaynor Technical School student Charles Digsby of Waterbury. (L-R in photo: Bill Campion, Mark Anthony Baez, Youth of the Year Charles Digsby, Bob Sagendorf, Travis Notice, Ryan Spears, Brett Ciarlo and myself.)

As a guest reader for the Read Across America program on Dr. Seuss Day I visited Maloney Magnet School (right) and Wilson School (below).



As a sponsor of the Waterbury North End Recreation Girls/Boys Basketball Team I'd like to personally congratulate the champs.